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Addendum

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I. Calendar of conferences and meetings

B. Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1999

Introduction and overview

1. At its 409th, 410th and 413th meetings, on 2 and 4 September 1998, the Committee on Conferences reviewed the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1999 (A/AC.172/1998/CRP.2 and Add.1).

Conclusions and recommendations

2. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it:

(a) Adopt the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1999 as submitted and orally amended;

(b) Authorize the Committee to make adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1999 that might become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

3. The Committee noted that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 6 of section A, of General Assembly resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997. Accordingly, no United Nations meetings will be held on Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha, which occur in 1999 on 18 January and 29 March, respectively.

4. The Committee recommended that, when planning the calendar of conferences and meetings, every effort should be made to avoid simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations.

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5. The Committee requested the Secretariat, when drafting future calendars of conferences and meetings, to merge into one section the draft list of meetings of treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, including the meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

6. The Committee recommended that United Nations bodies should be invited to avoid holding meetings on 9 April 1999 and that those arrangements should be taken into account when drafting future calendars of conferences and meetings.

7. The Committee requested the Secretariat to report to it at its substantive session of 1999 on implementation of the recommendation in paragraph 6 above.